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MEMORANDUM TO: [REDACTED] Mr. Dulles:

This is an important and well organized Forum. A group of panelists is formed to open the question period that follows the presentation of the talks. This is all open and public. There follows an "off-the-record" discussion with a smaller group, where the panelists again direct the discussion and secure elucidations of the speaker's remarks. The Forum at the end of the year issues "Recommendations" on America's "Long Range Policy Planning." The reason given for the importance of the 1960 sessions, the DCI is asked to address, is "It is also an election year in which it is important that broad non-partisan or bi-partisan issues shall predominate..." etc.

Were the DCI to accept he would participate in an open panel discussion which would be contrary to CIA policy.

The DCI further would be participating in a subject which the FORUM stresses is important "in an election year." The CIA policy is that the Agency is non-political and therefore the DCI should not accept under these conditions.

RECOMMENDATION: That the DCI decline.

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